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ON APRIL 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN
CIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) DEPARTMENT
EDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), PROVIDED THE
OWING INFORMATION: (S)

DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 1976, THE FPA DEPARTMENT OF
RAL SECURITY RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN
WAS THE OWNER OF A SUBURBAN FARM LOCATED IN MORENO, BUENOS
S PROVINCE, WHICH HAD BEEN RENTED TO A YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE,
CATING THAT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES WERE TAKING PLACE AT THIS
; SPECIFICALLY, THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS HAD [redacted] BEEN
MELYING AT THAT LOCATION. THE FPA DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL
RITY DISPATCHED THREE FPA OFFICERS TO MORENO TO INVESTIGATE
REPORT. FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICERS CONTACTED THE LOCAL
INCT OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP), IN WHOSE (S)

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JURISDICTION THE FARM IN MORENO FELL, TO ANNOUNCE THEIR IDENTITY AND REQUEST BAPP ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATION. THE BAPP PROVIDED EIGHT OFFICERS WHO ACCOMPANIED THE FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICIALS TO THE FARM IN QUESTION. (S)

THE FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICIALS AND BAPP OFFICERS APPROACHED THE FARM DIRECTLY AND WERE GREETED BY A HAIL OF BULLETS FROM A LARGE NUMBER OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, WHICH RESULTED IN A VIOLENT SHOOTOUT. (S)

FOURTEEN INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE TRABAJADORES-PARTIDO SOCIALISTA DE TRABAJADORES (WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY-WORKERS SOCIALIST PARTY (PRT/PST) AND THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, WERE KILLED DURING THE SHOOTOUT. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE FARM WAS BEING USED FOR A HIGH LEVEL POLICY MEETING OF THE PRT/PST AND THE ERP WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY BETWEEN FIFTY AND SIXTY RANKING LEADERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING ERP LEADERS MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO AND DOMINGO MENA. BOTH SANTUCHO AND MENA MANAGED TO ESCAPE DURING THE SHOOTOUT. A LARGE VOLUME OF VALUABLE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING TAPES, WERE SEIZED (S)

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AT THE FARM AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED AND ANALYZED. (~~S~~)

THE ARGENTINE ARMY, WHICH HAS THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR INVESTIGATING AND REPRESSING THE ERP, WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE FPA AND BAPP OPEN APPROACH TO THE FARM WHICH PRECIPITATED THE SHOOTOUT AND ALLOWED SANTUCHO, MENA AND OTHER RANKING PRT/PST AND ERP OFFICIALS TO ESCAPE. (~~S~~)

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